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**South Douglas Conservation District  
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April 4, 2005

Washington Conservation Commission,

We recently submitted a voucher for our Implementation Grant 04-23IM. One of our expenses was rejected. We had provided hydroseeding in an area that had been burned of all vegetation in the summer of 2004.

After researching the different ways of preventing soil and wind erosion, we contacted the landowners who live in Colorado. We sent an application to them, encouraging participation in our cost share program to improve water quality within the South Douglas Conservation District. They did not wish to participate.

Meanwhile, adjoining landowners were experiencing problems, caused by the resulting blowing dust. The orchardist across the street was having trouble with the grit and soil clogging up his irrigation pump. The land owner directly next to the burned area not only had the resulting dust covering everything inside and outside the house, but also was concerned with spring runoff coming from the hill to the south of their property. While the power line, maintained by Avista from Spokane, was not damaged, all vegetation below the line was burned, with the potential of erosion and corrupting the water quality as it ran downhill. The Douglas County road right of way, which runs along the property, also had no vegetation remaining after the burn.

Time was of the essence in preventing soil erosion. Although the Colorado landowners are ultimately responsible for controlling erosion on their land that might impact surrounding landowners, the South Douglas Conservation District Board of Supervisors made the decision to authorize the minimum hydroseeding that would benefit the five parties involved (landowner, orchardist, neighbor, power company, Douglas County)

By having this project right along a County road, we hope to demonstrate to other landowners a method of preventing soil erosion and protecting water quality. We have included pictures so that you can see the extent of the burn area, and the resulting hydroseeding. As soon as the spring warms, the seeded area will provide protection from further erosion. We feel this is an expense that should be allowed for our water quality implementation grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

South Douglas Conservation District



Assisting cooperators to adopt, implement and promote conservation practices which encourage good land stewardship & the protection of natural resources.

Terry Besel, Chairman  
Jeff Rock, Vice Chairman  
Larry Auvil, Auditor  
Neil Irmer, Member  
Vacant, Member



SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
September 6, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Richard Zones, Neil Irmer, Jeff Rock, Glenn Ludeman, Arlo Chambers, Casey Ramin, Carol Cowling. **Quorum Present.**

Arlo and Casey reported on their week at the Inland Empire Natural Resource Youth Camp. They had two hours of classes every day, using LTD – Learning through Discovery, principles. Topics included wilderness, range, forestry, soils and fish. They had free time after lunch for swimming and socializing. 50-60 campers attended this year. They were able to use canoes for fishing and hiked in the area seeking wildlife. Water classes included taking 7 tests of creek and lake water, soils introduced different soil horizons (clay vs marsh vs other types) Forestry took core samples to test the age of trees, wildlife taught the different wildlife in the area. Groups broke out at the end of camp to discuss a conservation problem. Casey's group discussed the pros and cons of having an elk herd in the middle of a ski resort and how to work the problems out. Both Arlo and Casey are going back as cabin leaders next year. Arlo and Casey out at this time.

July meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/Passed. (no August meeting)

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Dave Juchmes' cost share project (erosion control terraces was more than he anticipated, as the terraces needed to be longer. October 6, 2003 cost share limit of \$2,000 raised to half of his project \$2,600. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/Passed. (#306-315 \$ 4,676.95) **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/Passed. Richard initialed bank statement and a/p listing.

CSP Update – 43 CSP contracts signed at this meeting. Richard had attended a meeting in Spokane when Bill & Dean McLean were honored as the first CSP contracts signed in Washington State. It was a media event, with Mark Bareither, Douglas County and SDCD mentioned. New NRCS public relations person is Sara Braasch.

A TSP(technical service provider) workshop is on hold until NRCS' workload analysis is complete. TSPs may be able to do soil testing, nutrient and pest management. There is a 90% chance the next watershed in Washington State will be from Brewster to Wanapum Dam, including the Entiat River.

The Local Working Group decided this year's EQIP priorities will be Dryland Ag (25%), Range (20%), Irrigation (15%), Forestry (10%), with 25% contingency fund. USFS would like to use that for burn rehab, but local working group will not commit it. Out of 1.35 million, 800,000 has been delegated, with 57 contracts.

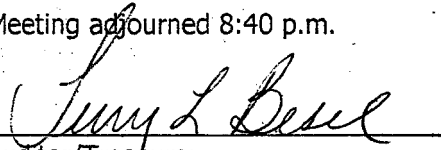
McNeil Canyon Burn Restoration – with the burn area in McNeil Canyon, the District discussed the possibility of providing cost share out of the Implementation Grant to prevent erosion and improve water quality. **Motion:** to hold special meeting September 20 to discuss McNeil Canyon Burn Restoration. Richard/Jeff/Passed.

Grasslands Reserve Program has allocated \$1 million to Douglas County.

Richard would like to nominate Kevin Kummer to WACD Wildlife Farmer of the Year. He will contact Kevin.

No NRCS report.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

  
Auditor/Treasurer

  
Carol D. Cowling, recorder

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SPECIAL SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
September 20, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Richard Zones, Neil Irmer, Jeff Rock, Al Turner, Ken Borders Bryan Forhan, Michelle Mires – NRCS, Carol Cowling

Notice for the special meeting had been placed on the NRCS Office front door prior to the meeting.

15,000 acres in the McNeil Canyon burned this summer. While some of the acres burned will have no adverse effect on other acres, some have had all vegetation destroyed and blowing dust and sand is already causing a problem. With spring runoff, the potential for erosion and water quality deterioration is great.

The Pickett family, at the bottom of the canyon, called Foster Creek CD about the 30 acres of sand dune directly west of their house. The orchardist across the road has had plugged filters with sand.

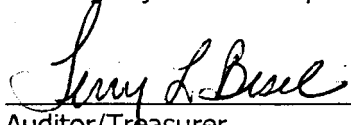
Most NRCS fire rehab is geared to Forest and not rangeland.

Several problems need to be addressed:

1. Who owns the sand dunes? Are they planning on restoration?
2. What would be a good mixture for grass rehab in the area? NRCS may have a mix. McLean seed may also.
3. Chelan County PUD repaired power poles and exposed soil that will be prone to blowing/weeds.
4. Straw for stabilizing soil and seed until established (Issacs, Petersons, Evans, Jorgensen Brothers)
5. Cost of Hydroseeding (Vita Green)
6. Cost of Flying on seed. (Johnson Air Service (\$300)
7. Possible structures to stop erosion up in the draws (Michelle Mires – NRCS)

Further discussion at the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:10p.m.

  
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Auditor/Treasurer

  
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Carol Cowling, recorder

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
October 4, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Richard Zones, Terry Besel, Jeff Rock, Bryan Forhan, Al Turner, Mark Bareither, Butch Ogden-WCC, Carol Cowling. **Quorum Present.**

September meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Richard/Terry/Passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. (#317-328 \$ 2,439.59)

**Motion:** Richard/Terry/Passed. Terry initialed bank statement and a/p listing.

Carol updated the board on the laminator. She found one for around \$1,000. **Motion:** Richard/Terry/Passed to purchase the laminator. It will be used for map preservation, displays, education, etc.

McNeil Canyon Fire Project: Richard had spoken to Eric Cunningham, Do Co Emergency Services. It is the developer's responsibility, under RCW XX to control erosion problems. Benton County CD has a mulcher we may be able to borrow to cover the seed. The mulcher would need to be moved up to Douglas County, possibly with a 1 ½ T truck. May also need hydraulics. Carol will contact Benton CD to see about availability. We would need about 100 bales of straw. Carol will contact Isaac Brothers or other potential straw providers. A sign "Fire Rehab Project sponsored by South Douglas Conservation District, will be posted.

NCW Area Meeting will be October 20, in Wenatchee.

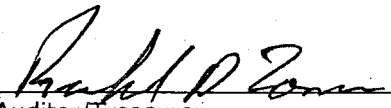
NRCS Report- There is a new cost list for EQIP. Several farmers in the area could apply for projects (direct seeding, annual cropping, no-till fallow) The new CSP Watersheds for WA State should be announced in November.

Butch presented the Commission Grant Review. The operational review will no longer cover grants. Upon studying the review, a couple of points need to be clarified before final review is submitted.

The personnel policy should be reviewed in January. The Long Range plan format has changed and Carol will get from Butch.

Due to meeting conflicts, the November meeting will be October 25, at 7:00 p.m. **Motion:** Richard/Terry/Passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

  
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SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
October 25, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Richard Zones, Neil Irmer, Jeff Rock, Jim O'Brien, Mark Bareither, Carol Cowling. **Quorum Present.**

October meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Richard/Passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. (#329-335 \$ 3,097.80)

**Motion:** Richard/Jeff/Passed.

As the next meeting is not until December 6, any bills to be paid before that time will be signed by Carol and Richard. **Motion:** Jeff/Richard/passed.

McNeil Canyon Fire Project: As the landowners are not willing to pay for the hydroseeding needed, it was decided to hydroseed the edges of the burned area to protect the nearby residence and orchard across the street. Maximum to pay would be \$5,000. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/passed.

NCW Area Meeting recap: Well attended in Wenatchee. Three resolutions to be sent to State meeting. WCC would like to hire more field staff.

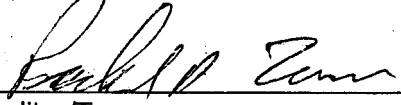
January 26 will be the annual meeting for South Douglas and Foster Creek. Possible topics include new spray for cheat grass, CSP, EQIP, GRP (Richard/Mark), Ripper and Drill Update, CWGG updates, HCP and Watershed (Britt). Invite Douglas County Commissioners.


Resolution 04-02- South Douglas Conservation District Elections to be held January 26. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/passed.

Mark gave a short NRCS report, updating the current programs.

Because of time conflicts, the South Douglas Conservation District will keep monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. until further notice. Annual planning meeting in February will be during the day. Notice will be in paper, or on office door. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/passed

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

  
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Date: May 5, 2005  
To: Commission Members  
From: Kristy McGill, Contract Specialist  
RE: South Douglas Conservation District

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On March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005, I received a voucher for South Douglas covering the time period of October 2004 - December 2004. Upon review, I had a number of questions, one of which was regarding a reimbursement request for Hydro-seeding costing \$4,320.00. On March 7<sup>th</sup> 2005, I sent Carol an email containing all of my initial questions, including those about the Hydro-seeding (please see my email dated Monday, March 7, 2005 3:22 PM).

Carol responded to my email at 4:11PM that same day. She let me know that the district took on the project itself, explained why the area needed to be hydro-seeded and that she would mail the South Douglas Board meeting minutes as backup. Unfortunately, this was the same afternoon I was leaving for vacation so I did not get a chance to review the information until I returned on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Her information was received by mail in the Commission Office on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Upon my return, I reviewed all of her information she had sent. I spoke with Butch Ogden and he confirmed what the meeting minutes had said regarding the district attempting to cost share with the landowner and after the landowner declined, going forward with the practice despite the lack of cost share agreement. I then informed Butch that I would be denying this reimbursement request for hydro-seeding due to the fact that the district did not follow Commission Policy by installing this practice without a signed cost share agreement in tact. Butch let me know he understood.

On Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 10:27 AM, I emailed a response to Carol Cowling at South Douglas CD, with a Cc to Cheryl Witt and Butch Ogden informing Carol of our policies and procedure and why we could not reimburse this expense. I then removed the request from the voucher and reimbursed any allowable/eligible costs remaining on the voucher.

Before receiving this voucher, I had not heard of this project nor was I notified with any kind of question or concern regarding the same by telephone, email, mail or fax.

This district, historically, has had very little communication with me. Within the last two quarters, I have contacted the district by email once a quarter with a grant update in hopes that if they have any questions they will contact me. Return contact has not occurred. Most of my communication with them consists of feedback from submitted

vouchers, which, have mostly been submitted late and include items that are either not allowable/eligible items for reimbursement, or are not in the proper format.

Please find the included timeline of events for the above hydro-seeding matter, a copy of the email correspondence, and a copy of the SDCD board meeting minutes covering this issue.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

## **South Douglas Conservation District Project Timeline**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>September 6, 2004</b>	SDCD Meeting - Supervisors discussed burn area in McNeil Canyon and the possibility of providing cost share out of the Implementation Grant to prevent erosion and improve water quality. Supervisors passed a motion to hold a special meeting to discuss this issue on September 20, 2004
<b>September 20, 2004</b>	SDCD Special Meeting - Supervisors discussed burn area in McNeil Canyon further. Burn area has sand that is causing issues with neighbors and there is potential for erosion and water quality deterioration. Supervisors identified 7 problems to be addressed and resolved to hold further discussions at the October meeting.
<b>October 4, 2004</b>	SDCD Meeting - Supervisors continued discussions regarding McNeil Canyon. Douglas County says it is the developers responsibility to fix. Supervisors directed Carol Cowling to contact Benton CD to see about mulcher and Isaac Brothers to see about purchasing straw. District plans to post a sign that says "Fire Rehab Project sponsored by South Douglas Conservation District"
<b>October 25, 2004</b>	SDCD Meeting - Supervisors are informed that the landowners are not willing to pay for the hydro-seeding. A motion was passed to pay a maximum of \$5,000 to hydro-seed the edges of the burned area to protect the nearby residence and orchard across the street.
<b>November 16, 2004</b>	Mountain View Irrigation & Landscaping Contractors invoices SDCD for the hydro-seeding in the amount of \$4,320.00
<b>March 2, 2005</b>	Commission receives a Voucher from SDCD that covers October - December 2004 that includes the \$4,320.00 reimbursement request.
<b>March 7, 2005</b>	Kristy McGuill reviews and sends an email to Carol Cowling of SDCD regarding issues (including McNeil Canyon). Kristy asks for more information, cost share agreement, and informs Carol that if it is cost share can only pay a certain percentage of cost.

## **South Douglas Conservation District Project Timeline**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>March 7, 2005</b>	Carol Cowling responds to Kristy McGuill's email from earlier in the day. Carol states not cost share, will send backup (along with other information requested). Carol states should be reimbursed for entire amount of cost. Carol to mail backup
<b>March 7, 2005</b>	Kristy McGuill emailed Carol Cowling and advised her leaving on vacation that day, will address when back in the office March 15, 2005
<b>March 10, 2005</b>	Backup mailed by Carol Cowling is received in the Commission Office
<b>March 16, 2005</b>	Kristy McGuill reviews additional backup sent in by Carol Cowling. After an additional review with Cheryl Witt, Kristy sends an email to Carol (with a cc to Cheryl Witt and Butch Ogden) dis-allowing reimbursement of the hydro-seeding due to lack of cost share agreement which violates Commission policy.
<b>March 16, 2005</b>	Kristy McGuill receives a telephone call from Butch. Butch confirms the information stated in the SDGD meeting minutes. Kristy informs Butch that because it does not meet the cost share policy that it is not an allowable cost and will be removed from the voucher accordingly.

## McGuill, Kristine

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**From:** McGill, Kristine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2005 10:27 AM  
**To:** 'Carol Cowling'  
**Cc:** Witt, Cheryl; Ogden, Butch  
**Subject:** RE: Questions on Grant #04-23-IM-01 Voucher (Oct - Dec 04)

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Hi Carol,

I have had a chance to review your submission of additional information and response to my email and here is where we ended up:

- Commission policy only allows reimbursement of improvements to land (be it hydroseeding, fencing, etc) through a cost share agreement that was filled out, approved and signed by all parties for agreement before the work was completed. Then once the work is completed, all parties would certify the work was done to NRCS specifications and sign section #6 of the cost share agreement. If there is no cost share agreement in place before the work took place (as you have indicated to me below and also in the meeting minutes), we cannot reimburse the expense. Therefore, I have no choice but to disallow the reimbursement request for the hydroseeding. The exact requirements for any cost share agreements are listed in the Grants Administrative Procedures Manual ([http://filecab.scc.wa.gov/Procedure\\_Manual/Grants\\_Administrative\\_Procedures\\_Revision\\_March\\_2004/3](http://filecab.scc.wa.gov/Procedure_Manual/Grants_Administrative_Procedures_Revision_March_2004/3)) and is located in the Chapter V (or 5) Cost Sharing. The language in particular I am looking is pasted in below (Chapter V, Section A, #3):
  - **Cost-sharing policy applicable to both Water Quality and Dairy Nutrient Management grants:**
    - **a. Written cost-sharing application and agreement is required – *Districts are required to use a written cost-sharing application and agreement, which both the district and landowner must sign.*** The Commission encourages districts to use the *Application and Agreement for Cost-Sharing Assistance* form (effective date: 02/04/04) found on the Commission's website. If a district chooses to use its own form, it **must** contain the substance and purpose found in each of this form's sections.
    - **b. Methods of payment –** A district may make cost-share payments directly to a cooperator on a reimbursement basis, or by providing the material and labor necessary for the project and then billing the cooperator for his share of the cost.
    - **c. IRS Form 1099 –** Districts are not required to provide IRS Form 1099 to cooperators who received cost-share payments. In general, governmental units are exempt from filing 1099 forms with the exception of those payments specifically listed in the Tax Code. Those payments are: unemployment compensation, federal agricultural subsidies, subsidized energy financing, and income taxes.
    - **d. Retroactive payments prohibited – No retroactive cost-share payments shall be made under the Commission's cost-sharing program. For purposes of this policy,**

**the effective date of a Cost-sharing Application and Implementation Agreement is the date the district chair signs it, not the date the cooperator signs it. The term “retroactive” refers to any time prior to the date of the chair’s signature**

Additionally, there is more information found under Chapter V, Section B #1 & 2:

**1. Q: When can my district buy all the materials and pay for complete installation of conservation practices?**

A: In one case only: demonstration sites. If your district wishes to demonstrate new or innovative conservation practices, it may pay up to 100% for such practices on private or public land on a one-time basis. The BMPs demonstrated must show local land-users how new technology or innovative methods can reduce water pollution and conserve natural resources. Again, demonstration sites must incorporate practices that are truly new or innovative, and your district may pay for them completely, but only once.

**2. Q: Besides cost-sharing, is there any way for my district to fund on-the-ground installation of conservation practices?**

A: No. The Commission’s cost-sharing program was put in place to give districts a legitimate and economically acceptable way to help their cooperators install BMPs. The cost-sharing program places a ceiling on how much your district can reimburse a cooperator for installing a BMP. This ceiling varies depending on the grant program and the location of the practice.

As for the other corrections, I have reviewed those on your newly amended voucher form and have finalized it for reimbursement. Due to the removal of the denied request, your total reimbursement came to \$9,143.11. I will have your voucher in tomorrow morning’s mail to OFM so you can receive your reimbursement.

If you have any questions or I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Thanks and have a great day,

*Kristy*

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**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 4:12 PM

**To:** McGuill, Kristine

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- For the Barnes Welding, when you add up the \$711.59 and the \$280.69, the total comes up to \$992.28. On the voucher, you had asked for \$992.38. I have adjusted the total accordingly.
- For Bryan Forhan's October timesheet, there is no time listed under the IM grant line, however, there is 24 hrs listed on a line called sub soiler? Is that what you listed on the voucher? How does that fit into the budget and scope of work? Is it Tech Assistance, Marketing/Outreach, Evaluation, or Administration?
- I noticed you are asking for \$540.00 for reimbursement for plastic lizards. I also noticed that they are to a school for educational purposes. Can you provide me more info as to how the lizards are used in the educational process? Thank!
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Thanks & have a great week,

*Kristy*

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SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
September 6, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Richard Zones, Neil Irmer, Jeff Rock, Glenn Ludeman, Arlo Chambers, Casey Ramin, Carol Cowling. **Quorum Present.**

Arlo and Casey reported on their week at the Inland Empire Natural Resource Youth Camp. They had two hours of classes every day, using LTD – Learning through Discovery, principles. Topics included wilderness, range, forestry, soils and fish. They had free time after lunch for swimming and socializing. 50-60 campers attended this year. They were able to use canoes for fishing and hiked in the area seeking wildlife. Water classes included taking 7 tests of creek and lake water, soils introduced different soil horizons (clay vs marsh vs other types) Forestry took core samples to test the age of trees, wildlife taught the different wildlife in the area. Groups broke out at the end of camp to discuss a conservation problem. Casey's group discussed the pros and cons of having an elk herd in the middle of a ski resort and how to work the problems out. Both Arlo and Casey are going back as cabin leaders next year. Arlo and Casey out at this time.

July meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/Passed. (no August meeting)

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Dave Juchmes' cost share project (erosion control terraces was more than he anticipated, as the terraces needed to be longer. October 6, 2003 cost share limit of \$2,000 raised to half of his project \$2,600. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/Passed. (#306-315 \$ 4,676.95) **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/Passed. Richard initialed bank statement and a/p listing.

CSP Update – 43 CSP contracts signed at this meeting. Richard had attended a meeting in Spokane when Bill & Dean McLean were honored as the first CSP contracts signed in Washington State. It was a media event, with Mark Bareither, Douglas County and SDCD mentioned. New NRCS public relations person is Sara Braasch.

A TSP(technical service provider) workshop is on hold until NRCS' workload analysis is complete. TSPs may be able to do soil testing, nutrient and pest management. There is a 90% chance the next watershed in Washington State will be from Brewster to Wanapum Dam, including the Entiat River.

The Local Working Group decided this year's EQIP priorities will be Dryland Ag (25%), Range (20%), Irrigation (15%), Forestry (10%), with 25% contingency fund. USFS would like to use that for burn rehab, but local working group will not commit it. Out of 1.35 million, 800,000 has been delegated, with 57 contracts.

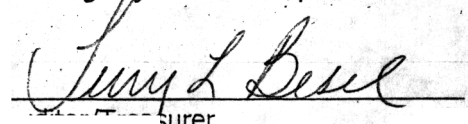
McNeil Canyon Burn Restoration – with the burn area in McNeil Canyon, the District discussed the possibility of providing cost share out of the Implementation Grant to prevent erosion and improve water quality. **Motion:** to hold special meeting September 20 to discuss McNeil Canyon Burn Restoration. Richard/Jeff/Passed.

Grasslands Reserve Program has allocated \$1 million to Douglas County.

Richard would like to nominate Kevin Kummer to WACD Wildlife Farmer of the Year. He will contact Kevin.

No NRCS report.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

  
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Neil Irmer, Chair

  
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Carol D. Cowling, recorder

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SPECIAL SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
September 20, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Richard Zones, Neil Irmer, Jeff Rock, Al Turner, Ken Borders Bryan Forhan, Michelle Mires – NRCS, Carol Cowling

Notice for the special meeting had been placed on the NRCS Office front door prior to the meeting.

15,000 acres in the McNeil Canyon burned this summer. While some of the acres burned will have no adverse effect on other acres, some have had all vegetation destroyed and blowing dust and sand is already causing a problem. With spring runoff, the potential for erosion and water quality deterioration is great.

The Pickett family, at the bottom of the canyon, called Foster Creek CD about the 30 acres of sand dune directly west of their house. The orchardist across the road has had plugged filters with sand.

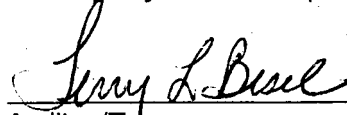
Most NRCS fire rehab is geared to Forest and not rangeland.

Several problems need to be addressed:

1. Who owns the sand dunes? Are they planning on restoration?
2. What would be a good mixture for grass rehab in the area? NRCS may have a mix. McLean seed may also.
3. Chelan County PUD repaired power poles and exposed soil that will be prone to blowing/weeds.
4. Straw for stabilizing soil and seed until established (Issacs, Petersons, Evans, Jorgensen Brothers)
5. Cost of Hydroseeding (Vita Green)
6. Cost of Flying on seed. (Johnson Air Service (\$300)
7. Possible structures to stop erosion up in the draws (Michelle Mires – NRCS)

Further discussion at the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:10p.m.

  
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Auditor/Treasurer

  
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Carol Cowling, recorder

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
October 4, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Richard Zones, Terry Besel, Jeff Rock, Bryan Forhan, Al Turner, Mark Bareither, Butch Ogden-WCC, Carol Cowling. **Quorum Present.**

September meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Richard/Terry/Passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. (#317-328 \$ 2,439.59)

**Motion:** Richard/Terry/Passed. Terry initialed bank statement and a/p listing.

Carol updated the board on the laminator. She found one for around \$1,000. **Motion:** Richard/Terry/Passed to purchase the laminator. It will be used for map preservation, displays, education, etc.

McNeil Canyon Fire Project: Richard had spoken to Eric Cunningham, Do Co Emergency Services. It is the developer's responsibility, under RCW XX to control erosion problems. Benton County CD has a mulcher we may be able to borrow to cover the seed. The mulcher would need to be moved up to Douglas County, possibly with a 1 ½ T truck. May also need hydraulics. Carol will contact Benton CD to see about availability. We would need about 100 bales of straw. Carol will contact Isaac Brothers or other potential straw providers. A sign "Fire Rehab Project sponsored by South Douglas Conservation District, will be posted.

NCW Area Meeting will be October 20, in Wenatchee.

NRCS Report- There is a new cost list for EQIP. Several farmers in the area could apply for projects (direct seeding, annual cropping, no-till fallow) The new CSP Watersheds for WA State should be announced in November.

Butch presented the Commission Grant Review. The operational review will no longer cover grants. Upon studying the review, a couple of points need to be clarified before final review is submitted.

The personnel policy should be reviewed in January. The Long Range plan format has changed and Carol will get from Butch.

Due to meeting conflicts, the November meeting will be October 25, at 7:00 p.m. **Motion:** Richard/Terry/Passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

  
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Auditor/Treasurer

  
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Carol D. Cowling, recorder

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
October 25, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Richard Zones, Neil Irmer, Jeff Rock, Jim O'Brien, Mark Bareither, Carol Cowling. **Quorum Present.**

October meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Richard/Passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. (#329-335 \$ 3,097.80)

**Motion:** Richard/Jeff/Passed.

As the next meeting is not until December 6, any bills to be paid before that time will be signed by Carol and Richard. **Motion:** Jeff/Richard/passed.

**McNeil Canyon Fire Project:** As the landowners are not willing to pay for the hydroseeding needed, it was decided to hydroseed the edges of the burned area to protect the nearby residence and orchard across the street. Maximum to pay would be \$5,000. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/passed.

NCW Area Meeting recap: Well attended in Wenatchee. Three resolutions to be sent to State meeting. WCC would like to hire more field staff.

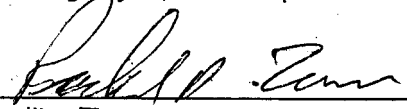
January 26 will be the annual meeting for South Douglas and Foster Creek. Possible topics include new spray for cheat grass, CSP, EQIP, GRP (Richard/Mark), Ripper and Drill Update, CWGG updates, HCP and Watershed (Britt). Invite Douglas County Commissioners.

Resolution 04-02- South Douglas Conservation District Elections to be held January 26. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/passed.

Mark gave a short NRCS report, updating the current programs.

Because of time conflicts, the South Douglas Conservation District will keep monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. until further notice. Annual planning meeting in February will be during the day. Notice will be in paper, or on office door. **Motion:** Richard/Jeff/passed

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

  
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Carol D. Cowling, recorder